



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Baton Twirling Week

WHEREAS, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and physical training; and

WHEREAS, the art of baton twirling is today one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, baton twirlers lend color and inspiration to our communities; and

WHEREAS, champion twirlers from all over the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame July 18-22, 2011 to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "America's Youth on Parade"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the week of July 17-23, 2011 as Baton Twirling Week in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 16th day of June, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State